

SPECIFICATION AMENDMENTS

Please amend the specification at page 15 , line 15, second full paragraph, as follows in accordance with the Revised Format of Amendments under 37 C.F.R. § 1.121.

For an immediate order, if user approval is required, step 225 advances to step 230 to notify the user and receive approval from the user for purchasing a consumer item. Preferably, notification and approval is conducted via Simple Mail Transfer Protocol. The intelligent purchasing agent 41 then advances from step 230 to step 231. Typically, for an immediate order, the order collection sequence 200 will advance from step 231 to step 240 for a consumer item availability verification from the inventory collection system 36, referenced in Figure ~~for 4~~ as the letter "C." For an extremely urgent immediate order, the order collection sequence 200 advances from step 231 to step 255, referenced in Figure 4 as the letter "B", to generate a consumer item order for presentment to the trader unit 90.